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UPDATE! HAVASUPAI TRIBE SURVIVES FLOOD—BEGINS TO REBUILD VILLAGE

Supai, AZ—the Havasupai Tribes, known as the People of the Blue-Green Water, survived another disastrous flood recently. On Saturday, August 16th, a flash flood hit Supai Village as a result of heavy, localized rain, compounded by the breach of the Redlands Dam on non-Indian land. This was not the first time the Redlands Dam broke causing a wall of water to surge through the Village.

Havasupai Tribe Flood Damage Information Contact:

Thomas Siyuja, Sr.

Havasupai Emergency Coordinator

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Flood Relief Donations:

Ron Quasula at nativefire1@yahoo.com

Havasupai Tribal Disaster Fund

Account # 7089718444

Wells Fargo Bank Arizona

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A Letter from ACIA Director Ken Poocha

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On September 18th, ACIA Commissioner GinaMarie Scarpa and I traveled to the Havasupai Tribal Community of Supai to deliver a 27 foot truck filled with donated food, water, clothes, blankets and even toys. The collection and delivery of donated items was in response to a request by the tribe to the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs after the devastating floods the community experienced on August 16th, 2008.

The tribe was extremely thankful for all the donated items as well as the time, effort and labor put into getting the items to the canyon. Our "shipment" was one of the largest single deliveries that the tribe has received since the flood. Thank you to all that generously donated including Crown Charter School, Arizona State University, Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), and the Arizona Registrar of Contractors! Also, a very special thank you goes out to Native American Connections and Indian Rehabilitation as these organizations donated some much needed temporary storage space and manpower for this effort.

After unloading the truck GinaMarie and I flew down into Supai to meet with the Vice Chairman and other tribal officials. We were briefed on the status of the community, given a new list of community needs and discussed a more long term plan including the potential role of the state in this effort. The Vice-Chairman also gave us a special tour of the community and falls to assess the damage.

Overall the community is doing reasonably well with only a few homes along the creek suffering significant damage. The real damage is to their economic infrastructure, especially to their tourism industry, on which they depend. As most of you know the community is closed to visitors with the expectation that they will "reopen" sometime next spring or early summer. In the tour we were given, GinaMarie and I were able to see first hand the incredible geologic changes that have occurred. In short, two falls that previously existed were destroyed, while two new ones have been created. The damage to the campgrounds and trails is substantial and in some cases the trail is completely gone.

As most of you are aware, the Havasupai Tribe primarily depend on tourism revenues to operate their tribal government, to provide services and assistance to tribal members. With zero tourism revenue coming in until at least spring/summer 2009 the tribe is relying upon the continued generosity of the Arizona community to ensure that all members of the tribe, particularly the young and elderly have their basic needs met.

The ACIA is committed to working with the tribe and is in regular contact with the appropriate tribal officials. Over the next few months we will continue to identify potential resources for the tribe and may, at the tribes request, do periodic donation drives for food, clothing and/or other specific items.

For more information including how you can help please feel free to contact the ACIA and for more information on the status of the Havasupai Tribe please visit their website at www.havasupaitribe.com

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Spotlight on Tribal Liaisons: Leticia Perez, Arizona Department of Corrections

Leticia Perez (Navajo) has been employed with Arizona Department of Corrections since February 1999. Leticia graduated from Holbrook High School in 1983. She attended Grand Canyon University and University of New Mexico for three years, majoring in Business Administration and Criminal Justice. Family and finances landed her working for Ganado Unified Schools for six years.

While working with ADOC Leticia and her husband (Dominic) ran a business in Winslow (Southwest Seams) for three years until the demand of both employments became too much to handle. Dominic is also a Sergeant at the Winslow State Prison. Leticia's hobbies include sewing, volleyball and food catering. Leticia's family participated in the 2008 Super Bowl NFL Experience, selling burgers and tacos.

Leticia is currently a Correctional Sergeant after being an Officer for four years; also serving as a Tribal Liaison for ADOC for three years. Her motto is: be positive and helping others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is Native American Recognition Days! Please go to www.aznard.org for a complete schedule of activities!

Wilma Mankiller on October 2th, 2008. Hosted by the Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ. This is the Second Simon Ortiz and Labriola Center lecture on Indigenous Land, Culture and Community. For more information, visit www.heard.org

7th Annual Children's Social Pow-wow on October 4th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Held at Safford Middle School Athletic Field in Tucson, AZ. For more information contact: Peggy Solis (520) 792-9985 ext. 112.

Native American Cultural Celebration on Nov. 7, 8, & 9, 2008. The event will be held at Pima Community College West Campus., Tucson, AZ. All proceeds will help the PCC Native American Student Association. Please contact Dorian Dalton: 520-304-6053/ 520-206-6792

1st Annual Az MN/Ft. Defiance Cancer Awareness and Advocacy Conference on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Navajo Museum Window Rock, Arizona. <http://www.azmyelomanetwork.org/ftdefianceregistration.html>

Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Conference on October 16th & 17th. Hosted by the Indian Legal Program at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor's School of Law in Tempe, AZ. <http://ilp.law.asu.edu/>

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 65th Annual Convention and Trade Show on October 19-24. Held at the Hyatt Regency, Phoenix, AZ. Keynote Speaker: Kevin Gover, Director of the National Museum of the American Indian. Registration: <http://www.ncai.org/Registration.317.0.html>

3rd Annual Native American Fatherhood Conference on October 27-30th, 2008. Hosted by Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) www.nativeamericanfathers.org

ASU West Campus Veteran's Day Weekend Traditional Pow-Wow. Hosted by ASU West Campus. westevents@asu.edu or 602-543-5306.

2008 Strengthening Indian Youth Conference on November 20th-21st. Hosted by the University of Arizona, Tucson. Contact: www.aieacorp.org

32nd Annual Pueblo Grande Museum Art Market on December 13 & 14, 2008. Contact: www.pgindianmarket.com



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Native American Recognition Day's Events 2008: Native American Connections Parade

Phoenix, AZ - Native American Connections is proud to announce that Native Warrior Run is the Grand Marshal for the Native American Connections 2008 Parade, to be held on Saturday, October 11th. The parade is one of the major events held as part of the 26th Annual Native American Recognition Days (NARD), the Valley's annual series of events honoring Native American people. This year's theme for NARD's host of events is "Connecting People, Connecting Communities: We Are All Related." The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at Monterey Park on 3rd Street & Oak, located south of St. Mary's High School, going north on 3rd Street, and ending at Steele Indian School Park, located at Indian School Road and 3rd Street. The parade will end at 11 a.m., and will be followed by an Awards ceremony, TBA.

This 26th Annual Parade is again produced by Native American Connections. The parade features nearly 100 entries every year, including Native veterans groups, tribal communities, community groups, youth/college groups, equestrian teams, traditional dancers, music and bands and tribal royalty and dignitaries. The community is invited to come and share in the rich cultural heritage of Native Nations from all over the Southwest as they showcase their traditional songs and dances. Parade entry applications are now being accepted. Please note that this year there will be no Pow-Wow or Gourd Dance.

The Native Warrior Run (NWR) is an annual motorcycle run throughout Indian Country which ends in Washington DC on behalf of all veterans past and present (POWs/MIAs, KIA's), particularly Native American veterans. Most of the riders themselves are veterans and/or have a loved one in the military. The idea for the Native Warrior Run (NWR) began in 1997 by a Native American veteran, Leonard Reeder who had participated in the Run for the Wall (RFTW). He expressed to his friend, TJ Anderson, his hope and vision for seeing a similar motorcycle run occur throughout Indian Country.

Over the years, Mr. Reeder revealed his vision to other friends. The first year of the run, called the Sacred Trek to the Wall, finally occurred in 2006, and it included just three participants -- Reeder, Mr. Leo Dick (Mohave), and Olson Nez (Dine). The journey started in Ontario California and travelled through San Carlos and Whiteriver, Arizona onto Gallup, New Mexico, where it joined up with the Central Route of the RFTW. Renamed the Native Warrior Run, the journey has now added other stops in Indian Country such as the Gila River Indian Community, Apache Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, Osage Community, and others. The NWR now includes hundreds of Native and non-Native participants and supporters from across the country.

Native American Connections (NAC) is a private nonprofit 501-c-3 agency founded in 1972 to provide basic needs services to Native people living in the Phoenix area. NAC's mission is to improve the quality of life and communities through Native American culturally centered opportunities in health, housing, and development. NAC currently owns and operates behavioral health and affordable housing communities at fifteen sites within the Phoenix area.

The 2008 Native American Connections Parade and other NARD events are free and open to the public. For more information on how to participate or volunteer, call 602-254-3247, e-mail parade@nativeconnections.org, or visit www.nativeconnections.org. For more information on the 2008 NARD events, visit www.aznard.org. For more information about Native Warrior Run and the Run for the Wall event, visit www.rftw.org.

MARNIE HODAHKWEN NAMED DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL: Will Continue to Advise the Governor on Tribal Affairs

PHOENIX - Governor Janet Napolitano has announced that Marnie Hodahkwen, who has served as the Governor's policy advisor for tribal affairs since August of 2004, has taken over as deputy general counsel to the Governor. Along with her new responsibilities, Hodahkwen will continue to be the Governor's tribal affairs advisor.

"Marnie is a tremendously talented public servant, and Arizona has benefited from her excellent work in the past four years," Governor Napolitano said. "I look forward to seeing all that she can do in her new position as deputy general counsel."

As the Governor's policy advisor for tribal affairs, Hodahkwen serves as the Governor's liaison with 22 tribal governments and works in a wide variety of policy areas. Before joining the Governor's office, she practiced law in the areas of commercial litigation and Indian law in Phoenix at the law firm Quarles & Brady, Streich Lang. She holds both her bachelor's and law degrees from Arizona State University. A member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Hodahkwen is one of the founding members of the Native American Bar Association of Arizona and serves on the Board of Directors of the Hopi Education Endowment Fund, as well as the Advisory Council of the Indian Legal Program at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.





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UPCOMING ELECTION INFORMATION

The following are important deadlines to be aware of:

Early Voting Begins:	October 2, 2008
Registration Closes:	October 6, 2008
Last Day to Request an Early Ballot:	October 24, 2008
Election Day:	November 4, 2008

General Assistance at the Polls:

- You may bring someone to help you at the polls;
- The person you bring may go into the booth with you and assist you with voting;
- This includes election officials, friends, family members, bystanders, campaign workers, and anyone else who is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or officer or agent of your union;
- Language assistance, including Native language assistance, is available at many polling locations.

General Tips when Voting at the Polls:

- "Rush hour" at the polls occurs the first hour that the polls are open, at lunchtime, and after 5 PM. If you are able to vote mid-morning or mid-afternoon there will be less congestion;
- Be sure you are at the correct polling location so that you do not stand in line unnecessarily;
- Use your sample ballot to pre-mark your choices, bring it with you to the polls and simply transfer your selections to the official ballot.

Identifying Your Polling Location:

- There are two ways to determine your polling location:
 - 1) Your county election office mails you an official sample ballot or registration card prior to each election that lists your polling location for that election, or
 - 2) Contact your County Recorder's Office.

Some counties have a polling location locator on their websites:

- Coconino County: www.coconino.az.gov/elections.aspx
- Maricopa County: <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx>
- Pima County: <http://www.co.pima.az.us/elections/>
- Yavapai County: <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/electionsvr.aspx>

New Identification Requirements regarding the ID requirements for American Indians to vote at the polls that recognizes tribal governments', and political subdivisions of tribal governments', as forms of ID.

Acceptable forms of tribal identification include (but are not limited to):

- A tribal identification or enrollment card issued under the authority of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, community, or band("tribe");
- A tribal subdivision or the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- A Certificate of Indian Blood issued to a tribal member under the authority of a tribe or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- A voter registration card for tribal elections issued under the authority of a tribe;
- A home site assignment lease, permit or allotment issued under the authority of a tribe, tribal subdivision, or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- A grazing permit or allotment issued to a tribal member under the authority of a tribe, tribal subdivision, or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs."